GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5002
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IMPORT OF SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of silk imported between April 1, 2001 to march 31, 2002;

(b) whether the Government have issued any quality certificate for the import of silk;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the silk being imported is as per the quality certificate issued for the purpose or is of substandard quality; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the import of substandard quality of silk?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) Data is available at this point of time only to the end of January. During the period April -January, 2002, import of raw silk is provisionally reported at 5081 tonnes.

(b)to(d) Till 31/3/2001 import of only grade 2A and above of mulberry raw silk was allowed under Special Import Licence (SIL).Since 1/4/2001 the import of silk is under Open General Licence (OGL) and no condition of quality certificate is specified by the Government.

(e) No complaint regarding import of substandard silk has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.